

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 265

By Daniel

A RESOLUTION to honor Ledyard D. Gardner, Jr.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Ledyard D. Gardner, Jr., who has served the Knoxville community with the utmost integrity as an insurance and financial advisor, independent insurance broker, and, most importantly, as a volunteer for the youth of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gardner is a graduate of Duke University and holds professional designations as a chartered life underwriter and chartered financial consultant; and

WHEREAS, Ledyard Gardner was employed by Prudential Financial, Inc., for a number of years before his retirement, after which time he embarked upon a second career as an independent insurance broker; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated member of his profession and his community, Mr. Gardner has ably served as president of the Knoxville Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors; president of the Knoxville chapter of the Society of Financial Service Professionals; and advisory board chair of the Salvation Army, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, in addition, Ledyard Gardner has generously volunteered his time and abundant talents as a coach, referee, and referee administrator with the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) for thirty-one years, and as one of Tennessee's generous volunteers, he has provided instruction and guidance to many of our youth. Mr. Gardner also served on AYSO's regional board of directors; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Gardner is the recipient of the Salvation Army Special Award and the 2005 David M. Blumberg Public Service Award, which was given for “exceptional public service to his community and to his profession”; and

WHEREAS, Ledyard Gardner evinces his faith at Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church, which he serves faithfully as an elder and a member of the choir; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gardner is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife of sixty years, the former Linda Conant; their five children; and eleven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Ledyard D. Gardner, Jr., has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community, and it is appropriate that he should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Ledyard D. Gardner, Jr., for his exceptional service to the Knoxville community and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.